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SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR: ERITREANS OUTSIDE PRESS THEIR
FIGHTING UNITS TO RELEASE HOSTAGES

REF: KHARTOUM 2508

1. MINSTATE KIBEIDA SUMMONED ME OCT 29 TO REPORT THAT
GOS HAS HAD CONTACT WITH PLF LEADER OSMAN SALEH SABBE WHO,
IN RESPONSE, SENT REPRESENTATIVE TO KHARTOUM FOR TALKS RE
CISCO TWO. REPRESENTATIVE TOLD SUDANESE THAT PLF POLITICAL
LEADERSHIP HAS AGREED TO GOS REQUEST THAT CAMPBELL AND
HARRELL BE RELEASE UNCONDITIONALLY. REPRESENTATIVE
IS GOING TO VISIT PLF MILITARY LEADERSHIP INSIDE ERITREA TO
SEEK PERSUADE THEM TO RELEASE CISCO 2.

2. KIBEIDA CONTINUED THAT SUDANESE HAVE LIKE-
WISE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ELF LEADER AHMED NASSIR.
NASSIR HAS SENT REPRESENTATIVE TO KHARTOUM WHO MET WITH
SUDANESE AND WILL NOW ALSO GO INSIDE ERITREA TO CONTACT
ELF MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN EFFORT PERSUADE THEM
TO RELEASE STRICKLAND AND BOWIDOWICZ UNCONDITIONALLY.
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3. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTIONS, KIBEIDA SAID THAT BOTH THE
PLS AND ELF EMISSARIES WERE NOW ENROUWTPO ERITREA. THEY
WERE TRAVELLING SEPARATELY BUT HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THE LIKE-
LIHOOD THAT THEY HAD HAD SOME DISCUSSION BETWEEN
THEMSELVES OF KAGNEW FOUR CASE IN KHARTOUM. I TOLD KIBEIDA
DEPT WOULD BE MOST GRATIFIED LEARN THIS WELCOME DEVELOPMENT
AND ASKED THAT HE LET ME KNOW WHENEVER FEEDBACK FROM
DISCUSSIONS WITH PLF AND ELF MILITARY LEADERS MIGHT BECOME
AVAILABLE. HE AGREED.
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